

LAUNCH MOVEMENT FOR FEDERAL BRANCH BANK

Meeting of Bankers and Chamber of Commerce
Directors---Raleigh Admirably Located
For Purpose---Co-operation of
Other Cities Asked

TELEGRAMS SENT TO COMMERCIAL BODIES

**Bankers To Write Connections
In North Carolina Cities and
Richmond and Also To Col-
lect Data and Publish It In
Newspapers and Possibly In
Booklet Form—Prospects
Favorable**

Raleigh launched a movement yesterday to secure one of the branch banks which will be established in a number of cities as part of the new Federal Reserve banking system.

The activities for a branch bank had their inception Friday when Mr. Joseph G. Brown, president of the Raleigh Clearing House Association, read in the News and Observer that Richmond had been awarded one of the regional banks. It occurred to him at once that by reason of Raleigh's location and close business relations with Richmond this city would be admirably suited for one of the branch banks. A meeting of the Clearing House Association was called and the bankers instantly approved the plan. Then President John C. Drewry, of the Chamber of Commerce, was seen and there quickly resulted a call for a joint meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the Raleigh Clearing House Association for yesterday at 12:30 o'clock at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

Movement Heartily Received.

The joint meeting was heartily in favor of the movement and it was the belief of all present that Raleigh ought to make a vigorous effort to secure a branch bank and that the efforts to secure the bank ought not to be lacking in earnestness by reason of the fact that the feeling is general that Raleigh has so many advantages that it stands little risk of not securing it.

After discussion yesterday the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, on motion of Prof. W. A. Withers, decided unanimously to use its best efforts in securing the bank, co-operating with such other organizations and citizens as might be willing to assist in the undertaking.

The bank men agreed that they could be most useful to the cause by writing the officials of the smaller banks with whom they do business and enlisting their support. They also said they would write their banking connections in Richmond and get the Richmond bankers to reciprocate the exceptionally good work which Raleigh did in assisting Richmond to secure a regional bank. Mr. Brown said he had already wired the president of the Richmond Clearing House Association bespeaking favorable consideration for Raleigh's application. The bankers also agreed to collect data for publication in the newspapers and possibly in booklet form, setting forth Raleigh's advantages.

President Drewry said the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was very close to Raleigh and that he felt sure the members of the Richmond organization would be favorably disposed to Raleigh's claims.

Mr. W. H. Bagley placed the News and Observer at the command of the organizations back of the movement to such a extent that Raleigh's wishes in the matter could escape the attention of none of the News and Observer's clientele. Mr. John A. Park said all the newspapers wanted was to get an opportunity to get behind the movement. President Drewry and other members of the Chamber of Commerce and Clearing House Association, acknowledging the tender of aid from the newspapers, made note of the fact that the newspapers had always been most loyal and effective in every move for the advancement of Raleigh.

Function of a Branch Bank.

Several persons inquired as to the function of a branch bank. In answer, Mr. Brown said that it would be a business largely between banks but would probably necessitate a separate building. It would be, he said, the local agent of the regional bank so that business could be done with the regional bank through it the same as it could be done through the regional bank itself.

Col. Charles E. Johnson said the

branch bank would have practically all the powers of the regional bank itself and that it would be a big advantage to have it here.

It was decided to send a telegram to the various commercial bodies of the principal cities and towns asking for the co-operation of those bodies and business men generally in securing for Raleigh one of the branch banks of the new banking system. Commercial organizations at the following places were wired yesterday afternoon:

Goldsboro, High Point, Weldon, Greensboro, Wilmington, Burlington, Rocky Mount, Reidsville, Durham, Salisbury, Elizabeth City, Charlotte, Asheville, Graham, Henderson, Gastonia, Wilson, New Bern, Concord, Statesville, Washington, Morehead City, Beaufort, Kinston, Lexington, Greenville, Fayetteville, Tarboro, Lumberton, Scotland Neck, Cary, Louisburg, Oxford, Rockingham, Roxboro, Monroe, Wadesboro, Chapel Hill.

The telegram was worded: "May Raleigh count on co-operation of bankers and business men of ——— to have branch of Federal Reserve established in Raleigh? Answer."

Other Cities Active.

It was stated by several present at yesterday's meeting that other cities—notably Wilmington and Winston-Salem—were also trying to secure a branch bank. There was a difference of opinion as to whether two branch banks or only one would be located in North Carolina.

Among those present were: J. G. Brown, E. B. Crow, W. B. Drake, Jr., E. C. Duncan, T. C. McClenaghan, Walters Durham, R. H. Merritt, Col. Charles E. Johnson, Prof. W. A. Withers, Albert L. Cox, Alex. Webb, W. W. Vass, J. F. Ferrall.

Raleigh's location and mail facilities are such that it is admirably suited as the location for the branch bank and it was the sense of yesterday's meeting that with the right sort of effort the location of the bank here could in all probability be secured.

T. P. A.'S. Favor Plan.

At a meeting of Post E of the T. P. A.'s, held last night, the following resolutions asking for the location in Raleigh of a Federal branch bank was unanimously adopted:

"We, the members of Post E of the T. P. A.'s of North Carolina, most heartily request the Federal Reserve Board and the Directors of the Regional Reserve Bank of District No. 5, located at Richmond, Va., to place a Branch Regional Reserve Bank in the city of Raleigh, believing that the interests of the people of the entire State of North Carolina can better be served from Raleigh on account of its location and accessibility and ample banking resources, having within a radius of seventy-five miles a larger population than any other city between Washington and Atlanta."

JAIL MAY BE SOLD TO BUILD GOOD ROADS

Lincoln Citizen Find Little Use For House of Detention.

Lincolnton, April 4.—The April term of Lincoln county Superior Court will convene next Monday morning. The docket, as is the usual case in Lincoln county, is very light this time also. May have to sell that jail yet and build good roads with the money.

Lincolnton received a nice little compliment this week. Mayor John Bean and the Board of Aldermen of the city of Rutherfordton were here this week on a tour of inspection and inspected the fine water system of this city with a view to equipping a water plant for Rutherfordton.

New Postmaster.

Go to the postoffice now to get your mail and peep inside and you see a real Democrat on the inside smiling and receiving the congratulations of friends.

Mr. John K. Cline is now in charge of the Lincolnton postoffice as postmaster. He took charge April 1, and began on that date the matter of taking over the reins of the business.

Mr. Cline received his commission and arranged his bond several days ago, but postponed going into office until the beginning of a new quarter. The oath of office was administered by Clerk of Court Nixon.

It has been many years since this office has been presided over by a Democrat.

Miss Nan Hoke was postmistress under Cleveland's administration as was also Miss Eva Sumner (now Mrs. H. E. C. Bryant).

Under McKinley Mr. Arch Barkley

served a term or two. Then Mr. C. A. Jonas served for some time as postmaster. Then Mr. D. L. Yount, the outgoing postmaster, took charge and has held on since.

Buys Spoke and Handle Factory.

Ex-Postmaster D. L. Yount has given up the postoffice job and entered the manufacturing business.

Mr. Yount, Messrs. C. H. Rhodes, Lawrence Heavner, G. Lee Heavner are associated together in a business deal that culminated in the purchase of the spoke and handle factory formerly owned by M. Moretz and others.

It is understood that this factory will be enlarged, thus increasing the output of the factory to a great extent, and will become one of Lincolnton's hustling industrial plants.

INJUNCTION AGAINST FEDS IS PERMANENT

Hot Springs, Ark., April 4.—Holding that contracts between baseball players and club owners may lack mutuality, but it was not a question to be raised by a third party, Chancellor J. P. Henderson here today made permanent the injunction preventing Federal League agents from interfering with players of the Pittsburgh National League club. The injunction was brought against H. Camnitz, agent of the Pittsburgh Federals. McQuillan and Viox, members of the Pittsburgh Nationals, testified that Camnitz had made offers to them to join the Federals. The contracts between these two players and the Pittsburgh National club, minus the salary figures were offered as evidence in the hearing together with a copy of the agreement between National League clubs.

Counsel for Camnitz contended that the contracts and the agreement are in violation of both State and Federal anti-trust laws.

TOURIST SEASON CLOSES.

Atlantic Coast Line Ran Last Train of Kind Out of New York Thursday.

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Rocky Mount, April 4.—Yesterday afternoon the last winter tourist train over the Atlantic Coast Line for Florida left New York for the season 1913-14, and there is being brought to a close the most successful tourist season in the road's history. From the standpoint of a successful handling of the traffic on time, and the number of passengers handled through to the minor details the business has been more successfully handled than ever before. The net returns to the transportation companies have been greater this year than before. Southbound train No. 87 left the Pennsylvania station yesterday afternoon for the last time on its southbound trip, while on Monday morning the last northbound train will pass this city.

There is an important change in the schedule that becomes effective Monday next at 12:01 a. m., in that the Palmetto Limited will be moved back several hours in the time that the northbound train will pass this city and instead of leaving for the north about 3 a. m., this train will leave at 6:48 a. m. This train is convenient for travel from this section north and allows almost a day in Richmond, without leaving the city at an unearthly hour, while half a day can be spent in Washington City and return home that night from the trip with an absence of a day.

COLUMBIA ROBBER ARRESTED.

Man Named Radcliffe Implicates Five Others in Hold-up.

Norfolk, Va., April 4.—The Seaboard Air Line Railway's general offices here today reported the arrest at Columbia, S. C., of a man named Radcliffe, as one of a gang of six local men, alleged to have been connected with the hold-up of a Southern Express Company's messenger on the Seaboard Tampa-New York express train at Columbia, March 28. Radcliffe is alleged to have made a confession upon which it is expected to apprehend the five others.

The Seaboard Air Line today also reported the taking into custody of R. C. Fletcher, a Southern express messenger who is alleged to have confessed that a report that he was held up on a Seaboard express from Birmingham to New York at Comer, Ga., April 2, was a hoax. Seaboard officials say the motive is alleged to have been hope of reward and promotion for "brave service."

WILMINGTON TO TRY FOR BRANCH BANK

Committee Goes to Richmond Monday—Bishop Strange Improved.

Wilmington, April 4.—Wilmington Clearing House Association will make an effort to get a branch Federal reserve bank for this city. A committee of local bankers will go to Richmond to see bankers there Monday to try to enlist their support. Circulars are also being sent out to all banks in the Carolinas asking their aid. H. C. McQueen, Charles E. Taylor, Jr., and Fred W. Dick compose the committee.

Bishop Robert Strange of the Diocese of East Carolina, who was stricken in New York last fall, soon after his arrival to attend general conference, has returned to Wilmington but as yet is not able to resume his duties. He has been at Lawrenceville, Va., for some time. His condition is greatly improved.

KIDNAPPING IS STATE'S CHARGE

Governor Craig Made Requisition Upon Governor of Washington Yesterday

Charged with kidnapping their niece, Bettie Edna Cole, Mrs. Bettie Hutchinson was yesterday requisitioned by Governor Craig and will be brought back from the distant State of Washington to stand trial on that charge.

The Washington woman is a native of Buncombe and her reputation in her home county is excellent. The complaint against her has been brought by E. C. Cole, a man of sixty years, whose daughter of six years is the child whom the defendant is accused of taking. Cole married her sister, that is to say, she was one of his three wives. She died in October of 1909. He married again in January, 1910, three months later.

The little girl will be six years old in May. The plaintiff witness says that Mrs. Hutchinson, who took the child after the mother's death, kept the disputed baby with the understanding that the father was to have the child when he wanted her. He says she promised to return the child but each time asked for longer time. Finally, he declares he went for the little daughter and Tom Tinsley, uncle of the girl in dispute and brother of the defendant woman, cursed him and became enraged. The upshot of it, he says, was that an automobile came with driver provided by the women and took the little girl away.

The affidavit of Cole further says the girl had been gone after the Tinsley family insisted that she was still in Buncombe. Solicitor Reynolds calls upon the governor to make the requisition as he thinks he can convict the women accused.

Other affidavits set out different facts. They say the father of the little girl has never contributed to the support of the child, has no paternal affection for her and she no filial feeling for him, that the demand for the child was never expected and that the women admitted no understanding such as the plaintiff father asserts. Tom Tinsley and Bessie Reynolds are charged in one case with aiding and abetting the alleged kidnappers.

Governor Craig, with these varying views before him, made the order for the requisition. He will give the Buncombe people a chance to fight it out in the courts.

TRAVELERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Material Placed For Coming Factory—School Stockholders Meet April 11th.

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Salisbury, April 24.—Salisbury Council United Commercial Travelers is one of the most active organizations of the kind in North Carolina and at a meeting this week elected the following officers for the fiscal year:

—Senior Counselor—E. L. Foil.
Junior Counselor—M. L. Holms.
Past Counselor—W. T. Klutz.
Secretary-Treasurer—A. H. Snider.
Conductor—D. C. Warlick.
Page—D. V. Peeler.
Sentinel—W. L. Klutz.

W. T. Klutz and W. M. Ruth were elected representatives to the Grand Lodge meeting in Greenville in June. The first of the material for the erection of a cannery factory in Salisbury was placed this week. The building is to be 50x100 feet three stories high. A large number of Roman county people are interested in the new enterprise and truck farmers as well as others are expecting great things from the plant this year.

The first meeting of the stockholders of the Salisbury Military School will be held April 11th. The call was issued by Dr. John Whitehead and a half dozen other leading citizens. It is expected officers will be chosen at the first meeting, and that steps will be taken to start work on the new building.

TO GIVE HOLY CITY.

Feature of First Baptist Church Service Tonight.

The First Baptist church of Raleigh will give Gaul's "Holy City" Sunday night, April 5th, at 8 p. m., under the conductorship of Miss Marie Day, its choir director.

The large chorus of fifty voices will be supplemented by several soloists, well known throughout the city, who are regular members of the church.

FINE WHEAT CONDITION.

Columbia, Mo., April 4.—The condition of Missouri wheat on April 1, was the highest ever recorded in the offices of the state board of agriculture, according to the report of the secretary of the board made public today.

The condition was 99.8, 31.1 per cent above the ten-year average. The live stock shortage continues, according to the report.